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December 15, 2015

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
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Dear Supervisors:

ADOPTED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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PATRICK O'GORMAN
ACTING EXECUTIVE OFFICER

AUTHORIZE EXTENSION OF BUDGET AUTHORITY FOR VARIOUS FEDERAL- AND STATE-FUNDED PROJECTS (SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS 2, 3, AND 5) (3 VOTES)

SUBJECT

This action is to authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to request the California Department of Transportation and the California Department of Finance to extend budget authority for five Federal-funded projects and one State-funded project and to enter into the necessary cooperative work agreements with these State Departments for a 2-year extension of budget authority.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Find that the action set forth in this Board letter is not a project pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines.
2. Authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to request the California Department of Transportation and the California Department of Finance to extend budget authority for five Federal-funded projects and one State-funded project that will not be completed by December 31, 2015, and to enter into the necessary cooperative work agreements with these State Departments for a 2-year extension of budget authority.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the recommended action is to authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to request Caltrans and the California Department of Finance (CDOF) to extend budget authority for these Federal- and State-funded projects. The projects and explanations for the delays are provided in the enclosure.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs the provision of Operational Effectiveness/Fiscal Sustainability (Goal 1). The requested extension of budget authority will allow the County to maximize Federal and State reimbursement for these transportation projects.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There will be no impact to the County General Fund.

This action is to authorize the Director or her designee to request Caltrans and the CDOF to extend budget authority that will not result in additional funding for these projects.

Funding for all the projects is included in the Road Fund Fiscal Year 2015-16 Budget.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Pursuant to Government Code Section 16304.3, project sponsors/local agencies are required by the State to request extension of budget authority for Federal- and State-funded transportation projects that will extend beyond the original appropriation of project funding.

As part of the County's ongoing road construction program, Public Works actively seeks Federal and State grants to supplement County road funds in order to deliver important transportation improvement projects located primarily in the unincorporated County areas. These Federal and State funds are available through a variety of programs administrated by Caltrans. To improve the management of funds, the CDOF requires project sponsors to request extensions for those projects that were previously funded but will not be liquidated within 6 years from the start of the fiscal year that the Federal funds were appropriated and 6 years from the start of the fiscal year that the State funds were appropriated within the California budget. As part of the request, the State requires the Board's approval indicating concurrence with the request. Following the Board's approval, the necessary extensions will be processed through cooperative work agreements with Caltrans and the CDOF.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

In accordance with Section 15378(b)(5) of the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines and Section 307B(3) of the Environmental Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by the Board, extension of the budget authority is an administrative activity that will not cause a physical change in the environment and, therefore, does not constitute a project and is not subject to the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The extension of the budget authority will allow Public Works to continue to receive Federal and State funds for these projects.

CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to the Department of Public Works, Programs Development Division.

Respectfully submitted,



GAIL FARBER
Director

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Enclosures

c: Chief Executive Office (Rochelle Goff)
County Counsel
Executive Office

Enclosure to Extension of Budget Authority Board Letter

Fund	Work Performed and Location	Federal Project No	County ID	Supervisional District	Reason for Delay
	Br replacement on San Francisquito Cyn Rd over San Francisquito Cyn Crk, Bridge # 53C0517.	BRLS-5953 (507)	RDC0014934	5	There was considerable delay in the project due to coordination with United States Forest Service (USFS) and California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW). The USFS was concerned about the concrete abutments and drop structure in the channel associated with the existing temporary bridge and wanted them removed. CDFW was concerned about the impacts associated with the removal of the concrete abutments and drop structure. Cultural resource monitoring and biological monitoring would be required at the project site. Both USFS and CDFW concurrence is required to complete the design. In addition, the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Class of Action is an environmental assessment and requires various technical studies such as noise technical memorandum, natural environment study, and historic property survey report. We anticipate to complete the preliminary engineering (PE) phase by August 2017.
	Br replacement on Old Road over the Santa Clara River and over the abandoned SPTCO trackage approximately 0.3 and 0.5 mi north of Magic Mountain Pkwy, Br. Nos. 53C-0327 and 53C-0328.	BRLS-5953(601)	RDC0015749	5	There was considerable delay in the project due to NEPA requirements. The NEPA Class of Action is environmental assessment with many technical studies, such as traffic study, noise study, air quality report, initial site assessment, water quality assessment report, floodplain evaluation report, natural environment study, biological assessment report, visual resource technical memorandum, community impact study, historic property survey reports. In addition, the project will require coordination with the CDFW to address potential impacts to endangered species near this area.
2010-11 Federal Funds Lapsing on June 30, 2016	Br replacement on Wilmington Ave over Compton Crk, Br. No. 53C-0907.	BRLS-5953(615)	RDC0015755	2	There was considerable delay in the project due to coordination efforts with the City of Compton and the United States Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE). The bridge is hydraulically deficient and requires extensive coordination with the United States ACOE regarding the design requirements for building over/modifying their channel. The County must determine the hydraulic design criteria and determine whether that criteria will have an overall impact to the bridge geometry. Right-of-way acquisition will also be required for this project but the bridge geometry issues must be settled before addressing right-of-way. We anticipate to complete the PE phase in February 2018.
	Br replacement on Compton Blvd over Compton Crk, Br. No. 53C-0925.	BRLS-5953(621)	RDC0015754	2	There was considerable delay in the project due to coordination efforts with the City of Compton and the United States ACOE. The bridge is hydraulically deficient and requires extensive coordination with the United States ACOE regarding the design requirements for building over/modifying their channel. County must determine the hydraulic design criteria and determine whether that criteria will have an overall impact to the bridge geometry. Right-of-way acquisition will also be required for this project but the bridge geometry issues must be settled before addressing right-of-way. We anticipate to complete the PE phase in February 2018.
	Tunnels Lining Repair on Kanan Rd Tunnel T2 and T3 near Malibu & Agoura Hills.	STPL-5953(531)	RDC0015367	3	Construction for this project was completed but the actual construction contract costs exceeded the E-76 amount. We will request to transfer the construction engineering balance to cover the construction contract cost exceeding the E-76 amount. We expect to submit a final billing by December 2016.
2010-11 State Funds Lapsing on June 30, 2016	Bike related on Baldwin Ave between Manchester Ave and El Segundo Blvd.	SR2SL-5953(663)	RDC0015824	2	There were considerable delays for this project during the design phase. Traffic circles and bulb-outs require significant geometric changes to the roadway and required extensive design work in order to ensure that there were no impacts to drainage. A significant number of curb ramps needed to be upgraded to the current American with Disabilities Act standards and require right-of-way acquisition in order to construct the ramps. Right-of-way acquisition has started and is expected to take about one year. Coordination with the County Sheriff's Department was required and a scope change was necessary to address safety concerns. The anticipated completion date is February 2018.